Percolation Test Could Brake Boom—Contractor

Saanich at Septic Waterloo?

New septic tank test now being used by Saanich municipality will cut down home construction in the area by as much as 80 per cent, according to one leading construction firm.

The "percolation test" is being applied in order to give the Central Mortgage and Housing the unconditional guarantee it requires from the municipality that the septic tank installation planned will be effective.

A spokesman for Weismuller Construction said the test would probably rule out all land where heavy clay soil exists in the municipality, and could affect as much as 80 per cent of new construction.

He expressed the view that it was going to put a speedy halt to the burgeoning construction program in the municipality.

"If it becomes as serious as we think it is going to become, Saanich will have to do something about it," he said.

Jack Middleton of the real estate firm of Pemberton Holmes said he had three applications for NHA loans held up because an unconditional septic tank guarantee had not been given by Saanich.

"Saanich was built completely on septic tanks. If we have to wait until sewage systems are approved it may take 10 years."

He warned that Saanich, under these new conditions, might lose its chance of taking advantage of the current supply of NHA money.

Mr. Middleton said the problem of ineffective septic tanks could be solved if there was a proper policing of the tiling of dispersal fields.

Neville Life, Saanich municipal engineer, said that the complaints were premature.

"We have just started using the percolation test and it is far too early to reach conclusions," he said.

Up to now only 12 tests have been made and only one of these has been refused, he said.

But there are areas of Saanich where permits will not be granted, he said.

"We are obviously not going to permit septic tanks in areas where the soil is comparable to that in existing areas where septic tanks do not work," he said.

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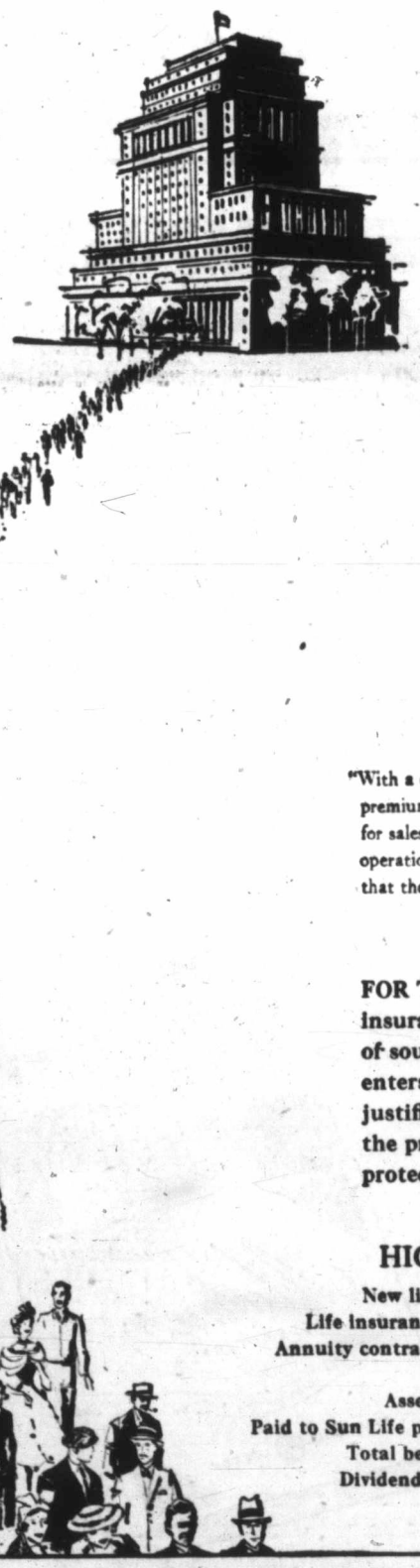

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